

**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended Claim 2 and cancelled Claim 9. Applicants respectfully submit no new matter has been added by the present amendment.

Applicants acknowledge that Claims 1 and 3-8 are allowable and acknowledge that Claim 2 would be allowable once the Claim Objection pending is overcome.

**Claim Objection**

Claim 2 stands objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended Claim 2 as requested in the Office Action and accordingly request withdrawal of this ground of rejection.

**Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tetrahedron Letters (2001). Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection. However, as Claim 9 has been cancelled, Applicants submit the present rejection is now moot and accordingly request withdrawal of the present rejection.

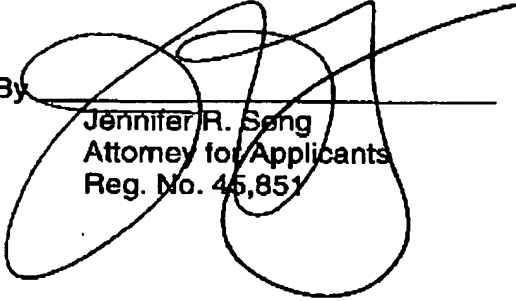
**Provisional Double Patenting Rejection**

Claim 9 stands provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 11 of co-pending Published Application No. 2004/0198997. Applicants respectfully traverse

this ground of rejection. However, as Claim 9 has been cancelled, Applicants submit the present rejection is now moot and accordingly request withdrawal of the present rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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